



1998



Scandinavian Midsummer Festival



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Astoria, OR



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— Sunday, June 21 —

- 8:30 to 11:30Pannukakku Brunch - Sponsored by Astoria Rotary
 10:00 to 4:00Booths Open in Gym
 11:00Traditional Scandinavian Church Service in the Auditorium
 11:00 to 2:00Travel Films of Scandinavia by SUNDIAL TRAVEL
 12:15Flag Raising Ceremony - Center Lawn
 12:30 to 2:00Festival Luncheon - Served in the cafeteria and sponsored
 by the Scandinavian Midsummer Festival Association. Open to the public
 with limited seating. Menu: Roast pork, potatoes, vegetables, beverage and
 dessert. Adults: \$6.00, Children 6-12 \$3.00, Children 5 and under Free!
 4:00Closing Ceremony & Raffle Drawing in the Auditorium

Sunday's Continuous Entertainment

Center Lawn

- 1:30 . . .Tva Spelmän, Swedish Fiddling
 Portland, OR
 2:00 . . .Viking-Nordic-Scandia Dancers
 Astoria, OR
 2:45Ryan Phillips, Accordion
 Astoria, OR
 3:00Hey Guys & Gals
 Aloha, OR

Auditorium

- 1:30Hey Guys & Gals
 Aloha, OR
 2:30 . .Tva Spelmän, Swedish Fiddling
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 3:00 . .Viking-Nordic-Scandia Dancers
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 4:00Closing Ceremony

Beer Garden

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Friday – Open 6 PM - Midnight

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Saturday – Open Noon - 1 AM

- 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.Coreen Bergholm
 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.Ralph & Ray
 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.Ryan Phillips
 8:00 p.m. - MidnightRichard & Bjarne

1998 Raffle Raffle Drawing - June 21, 1998

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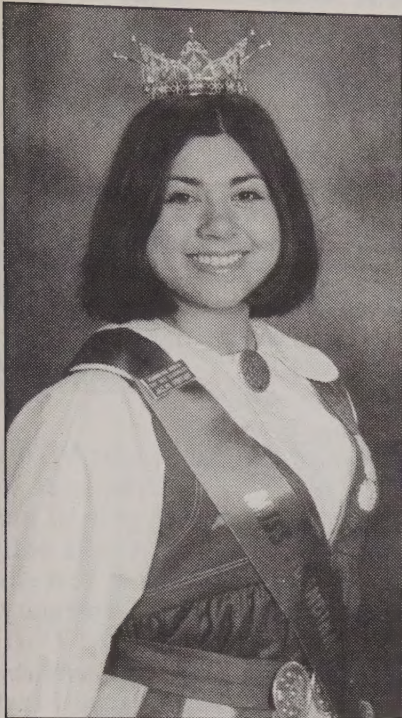
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1997 Miss Scandinavia – Jaclyn O'Bryant



Hello. My name is Jaclyn O'Bryant, Miss Scandinavia 1997. I'm 19 years old and just finished my first year at MHCC in Gresham, Oregon. I graduated in 1997 from Astoria High.

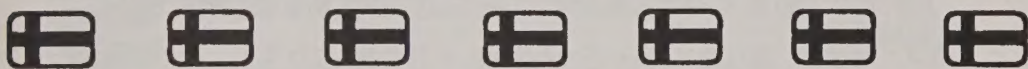
My parents are Tim and Melba O'Bryant and I have one younger sister named Kimberly. My grandparents are Obie and the late Gertrude O'Bryant and Vincente and Ofilia Mekanika.

I get my Swedish Heritage from my father's side of the family. My great grandfather Joseph Olson immigrated from Boöslan and my great grandmother Martha Terese-Palmer came from Osterlünd. They met and married in Great Falls, MO.

I've been involved with the festival since I was young. In 1988 I was Jr. Miss Sweden and I was in the Viking Nordic Dancers for four years. I had a great time last year as Miss Sweden. I learned more about my heritage and was taught how to be a better speaker. I overcame my fear of speaking in front of an audience and in that, I gained more confidence.

I would like to thank the Scandinavian Association, the Vasa Lodge and the 1997 court and chaperones for two great years!

Hope to see you all at the festival.



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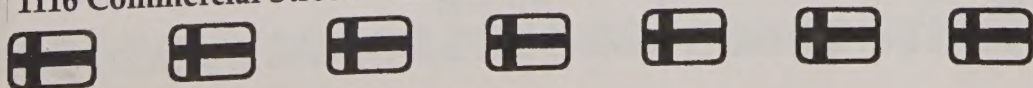
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Senior Court Chaperone Carla Oja



Carla is married to Alan Oja, Captain of the Astoria City Police Department. Her Scandinavian Heritage is by marriage. Her ancestors are from Finland, Denmark and Sweden. Carla has four children: Curtis 21, Clinton 19, Kristin 15 and Kaitlin 10.

All have been members of the Viking Nordic Dancers and have always participated in the festival in one way or another. Her sons have carried flags and both daughters have served as Jr. Miss Denmark. Employed by Astoria School District as an Instructional Assistant at Lewis & Clark School, Carla has been involved in aquatics at Tapiola Pool for many years.

Junior Court Chaperone Melissa Takalo



Melissa grew up in Brownsmead and presently lives in Fernhill. Melissa's heritage, Finnish, Norwegian and Swedish, is from both her parents, Alan and Linda Takalo. She has a sister Katrina and a brother and sister-in-law Todd and Kara.

Melissa enjoyed the festival as a young child and danced with the Nordic Viking Dancers for many years. She tries to delay her departure every year to her summer job in Bristol Bay, Alaska until after festival. During the school year she is employed at Hilda Lahti Elementary. Melissa enjoys taking care of Cari, sewing and spending time with her family. She is also a member of First Lutheran Church and Aid Association for Lutherans.

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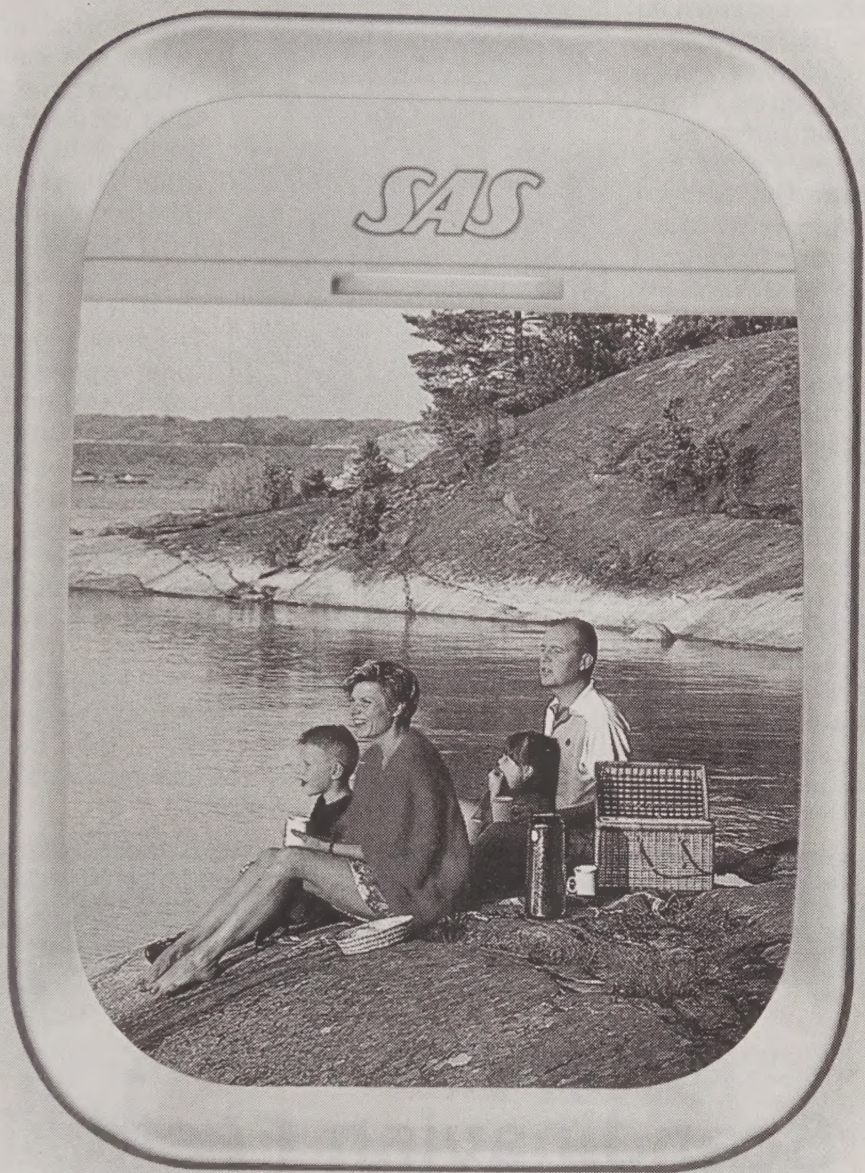
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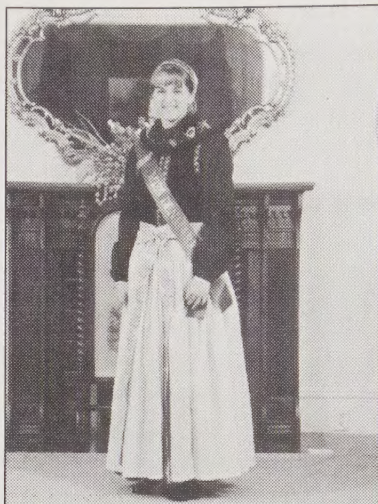
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Caryn Nelson – Miss Denmark 1998

Hello, my name is Caryn Nelson and I'm proud to be representing Denmark this year. I am a senior at Astoria High School and in the fall I will be attending Willamette University. I live in Lewis & Clark with my parents, Phil and Becky Nelson, and my older brother David.

My Danish heritage comes from my father's side of the family. His great grandfather, Peter Nielson, came from the small farming community of Vejlo, Denmark. At 21 he left Denmark with hopes of some day owning his own land in America. He came to Minnesota where he changed his last name from Nielsen to Nelson because he did not want to be known as a foreigner. He moved to Montana where he met and married my great great grandmother Inga Marie Mortenson. She left Denmark with her family when she was three years old.



My costume comes from the same area of Denmark that my family did. It is known as the Amager region. Costumes from the Amager district are very different from other Danish costumes due to the origin. In the late 1500s, King Christian II recruited several Dutch families to come to Denmark in order to cultivate vegetables for the city of Copenhagen. With them they brought their own styles and traditions

which eventually blended with the Danish ones. My hat is one that is worn by young, unmarried women. It is made out of linen with stars, mermaids and angels stitched across the front and was made by Ell Simonsen.

I would like to thank the Danish Society for letting me represent Denmark this year. I would also like to thank my mom for sewing my costume for me. Have a good time at the festival!


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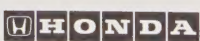
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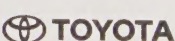
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Kristina Guindon – Miss Finland 1998

Hoovailta – Good evening, my name is Kristina Guindon and I am representing Finland this year. I am a 17 year old senior at Seaside High School. After I graduate this year I will attend a two year community college then transfer to a four year college.

I live in Warrenton, Oregon with my parents LeRoy and Lisa Schlecht and my two brothers Anthony and Patrick.

I was given my Finnish heritage from my grandparents Bill and Esther Meyer. My grandmother's parents were both born in Finland. Her mother was born in Hinnerjoki, Finland in 1891. She immigrated to America in 1909, first to Minnesota, then to Arizona and finally to Astoria where she married John Frederick Rabell. My grandmother's father was born in Viipuri, Finland in 1886 which is now part of Russia. He worked as a gillnet fisherman and a car-



penter. He built the house that my grandmother lived in when she was born.

My costume is called Etayla-Pohyianma, also know as harma. My vest is black velvet and underneath I wear a white linen blouse that is a hand sewn and embroidered. My hanging pocket is wool and matches the colors in my skirt. The brooch belongs to this costume only and is the only piece of jewelry for this cos-

tume. I wear ribbon around my forehead instead of hat because I am unmarried.

I would like to thank Nina Salo for lending me her costume. I want to thank cousin Jaclyn for being one year older than me, therefore going through everything first and being able to answer all of my questions. Thank you to the Finnish Brotherhood and the Ladies of Kaleva for giving me the opportunity to represent Finland this year.



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Keysa Hale – Miss Norway 1998

My father is Norwegian and Swedish. My Norwegian relatives come from two areas in Western Norway – Trohdheim and Song Og Fjordane. My great, great grandparents, Anton and Krista Mer-manson moved from Trondheim to Aurland in Song Og Fjordane where my great grandmother, Emma Hermanson, was born on August 30, 1885. They immigrated to St. Olaf, Minnesota in 1892, later moving to Jamestown, North Dakota.



Dakota and later moved to Montana. My grandma, Juanita Bergholm Hale was born in Kalispell on September 4, 1921.

The woman's bunad from Sogn is a continuation of the antique woman's costume from the last part of the 18th century, but also from the 19th century. It was copied after old, preserved costumes and pictures. The young girls used either scarves or bands in their hair and women wore a white hat.

My Swedish great grandfather Frank Bergholm was born July 4, 1875 at Smoland, Rydaholm. His mother's maiden name was Anderson. At 19, Great grandpa Bergholm moved to the United States. He received his citizenship at Red Wing, Minnesota, on April 17, 1905.

On August 2, 1911 Emma married Frank Bergholm in Jamestown, North

Dakota. A green silk blouse can also be worn with the women's costume. Married women use a stiffened thin cotton hat, called a hodnhau. Women use a belt with silver ornaments and buckle, while the girl's wear a black velvet belt with silver buckle.

In the last part of the last century the folk costume was not worn any longer but it came back into use in the first part of this century.



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Juliet Svensson – Miss Sweden 1998

My Swedish heritage comes to me through my father's side of the family. His father, Carl Oscar Svensson was one hundred percent Swedish. His parents immigrated to America around 1905. They met and married in New York City, where Grandpa Carl was born. Great Grandpa Carl had immigrated from Karlskrona, Sweden. He came from seagoing people and joined the Navy in the United States. He sailed



with the famous "Great While Fleet".

Great, Great Grandma Hilda came from the Island of Tjorn off the west coast of Sweden. Her claim to fame was that as a girl she had presented flowers to the King of Sweden when he came to visit Tjorn. Her family was a fishing family, the same as my own. My sister has visited relatives in both areas of Sweden and I hope to do the same.

Past Queens

1968 Marjorie Yost	1977 Gail Norrman	1988 Saara Carlson
1969 Carol Johnsen	1978 Tina Hess	1989 Josie Hemeon
1970 Sirpa Perkiomaki	1979 Susan Edison	1990 Kristen Jacobsen
1971 Melissa Hill	1980 Leila Koskela	1991 Melissa Rose
1972 Rhonda Lammi	1981 Sigrid Ness	1992 Allea Thomas
1973 Judy Angberg	1982 Cheryl Cruzan	1993 Jenny Gustafson
1974	1983 Julie Lampa	1994 Amy Goin
. . . Marianne Larson, Crowned	1984 Ann Madsen	1995 Kerry Stevenson
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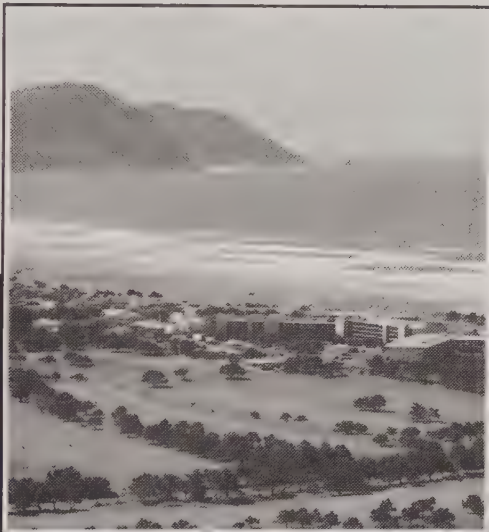
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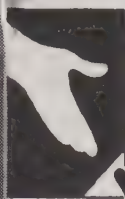
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Katie Choate Jr. Miss Denmark



Katie is nine years old and a fourth grader at Olney School. She is the daughter of Laurie Choate of Astoria and Steve Choate of Kalama, Washington. She is the granddaughter of Lee and Virginia Wiegardt of Ocean Park, Washington. Katie likes horses, basketball and reading.

Katie's great great grandmother, Laurine Lauritsen Neilson, was born in Horsens, Denmark in 1859. In her early 20s, she came across the Atlantic Ocean in the steerage compartment of an emigrant steamer. She eventually traveled to Fort Canby to work as a nursemaid for the Cape Disappointment Light Housekeeper. In 1883, she married Heinrich Wiegardt and moved to Brusceport, Washington.

Katie's costume, called a dancing costume, is of a style worn at the close of the 1800's on the island of Lyo. The cap is called a "flutter hat" which is tied under the chin. The very pretty ribbons with many colored flower bouquets hang loosely in front of the cap. One would not have

the heart to tie them together. The scarf is stuffed down in the front so that a little of the shift with the cross-stitched name and date can be seen. A long sleeved blouse is worn under the dark woolen vest and the dark blue skirt is trimmed with black velvet. It also has a white linen apron. The costume is completed with white stockings and black shoes.

Katie would like to thank the Danish Society for giving her the opportunity to be Jr. Miss Denmark.

Tanya Gauthier Jr. Miss Finland



Tanya is nine years old and is a third grader at Lewis & Clark School. Her parents are Phil and Kari Gauthier and she has one sister Katrina who is four.

Her grandparents are Bob and Priscella Gauthier of Astoria, Jerry and Kay Perkins of Medford and Dave and Sue Alderman of Queen Creek, Arizona. Tanya's interests are gymnastics, softball, soccer and shopping.

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Tanya Gauthier is Jr. Miss Finland

Tanya and her family would like to thank the Finnish Brotherhood Lodge and the Ladies of Kaleva for letting her represent Finland as Jr. Miss Finland 1998.

Tanya traces her Finnish heritage to her paternal great great grandparents, John and Wilhelmina Niukkanen. John was born in Kaukola, Viipurin Laani, Finland, in 1870. His wife Wilhelmina was born 7 years later in Viipuri. In 1903 the Niukkanens immigrated to Astoria, Oregon, where Mr. Niukkanen took up boat building and house carpentry.

Tanya's costume comes from the Viipuri area and was made by her grandmother Priscella Gauthier. The wool skirt is pleated with the reddish brown color showing over a green, yellow and navy blue stripe. A white cotton long-sleeved blouse with a brass neck pin and a black velvet vest with two brass decorative hooks complete the costume. For a finishing touch, Tanya wears reddish brown and black satin ribbons in her hair.

Marlie Jo Cokley Jr. Miss Norway



Marlie Jo is the daughter of Ray and Darrylene Cokley of Astoria. She gets her Norwegian ancestry from her maternal side. Her grandfather, Darryl Bergerson of Astoria, is Norwegian, and her great grandfather was the late Wallace Bergerson of Warrenton, who was full Norwegian. Marlie's great great grandfather immigrated to the United States from Soldr, Norway in the early 1900s. His name was Charles Karlodt Bergerson Ulfsbol. He married Emma Pederson who was also full Norwegian.

Marlie is nine years old and attends Gray Elementary School's fourth grade. She has two sisters Heidi and Katie and a brother Digger. She enjoys all sports. She has also participated in the Miss Clatsop County pageant on the Junior Court.

Marlie's Norwegian bunad is from Setesdal, Norway. The Bunad piece has the longest tradition in Norway. It is one

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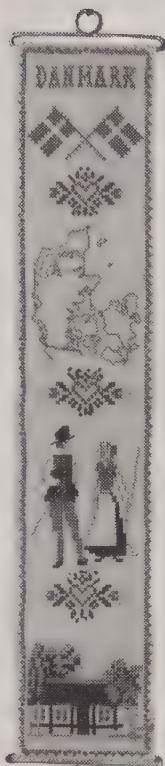
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**Marlie Jo Cokley is
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of the oldest bunades in the country. Her skirt has had the same design since the last part of the 17th century. The women from Setesdal wore a white frieze skirt with a leather belt around their waist for daily use. The costume they use today is often called the "church costume."

Marlie is excited to represent Jr. Miss Norway, and she would like to thank the

Sons of Norway and the Daughters of Norway for choosing her to represent Norway at this year's festival.

**Danielle Carlson
Jr. Miss Sweden**

Danielle is eight years old and a third grader at Olney School in rural Astoria where she lives with



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her father Darren, Brother Darren Jr., sister Courtney and grandparents Dick and Laurel Bjork Carlson.

All of Danielle's paternal great great grandparents emigrated to the United States in the late 1800s, singly coming from over eight different areas of Sweden and Finland all settling in the Astoria area.

Danielle is wearing the Fryksdalen costume from the Province of Varmland, a valley surrounding the Fryken Lake where the Bjork ancestral farm of Hastbraten traces back to 1741.

The Costume consists of a brown striped jumper, green apron and hand embroidered scarf. Danielle's birch bark purse and headband were handmade by cousins who reside near the original farm in the town on Sunne.

Danielle has many interests. She especially enjoys outdoor activities, having friends and learning about her Scandinavian heritage. She has looked forward to the Scandinavian Festival each year and is thrilled that the Vasa Lodge has given her the opportunity to be the Jr. Miss Sweden in this year's festival.

"Tack sa mycket." (Thank you very much.)

Patrick Kahn Crown Bearer



Patrick is ten years old and a third grader at Star of the Sea School. He lives in Brownsmead with his parents Stan and Carol and younger sister Bridget. Patrick likes to play soccer, swim, draw and help take care of their cows, chickens, ducks and dog.

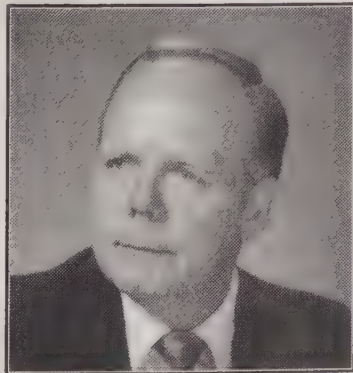
Patrick's grandmother, Ann Peitsch's grandfather Ole Estoos came from Granvin Lake at the head of the Hardanger Fjord in Norway. Ahmie Ann also has Swedish and Finnish ancestors. Patrick's bunad comes from the Gudbrandsdalen area of Norway. His aunt, Rachel Peitsch brought it to him from Norway. His shirt has French knots at the neck and wrists. His pin was a gift from his Aunt Rachel and the cuff links are from his Ahmie Ann and Papa Ralph. The red plaid vest matches his mother and sister's bunads. He also wears hand knit wool sox and finger braided garters.

Patrick and his family would like to thank the Festival Association for giving him the honor to participate in this year's festival.

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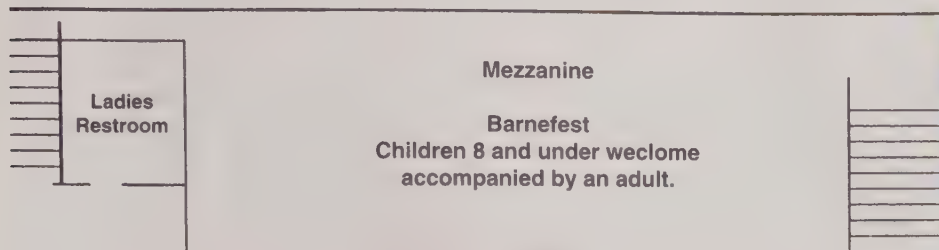


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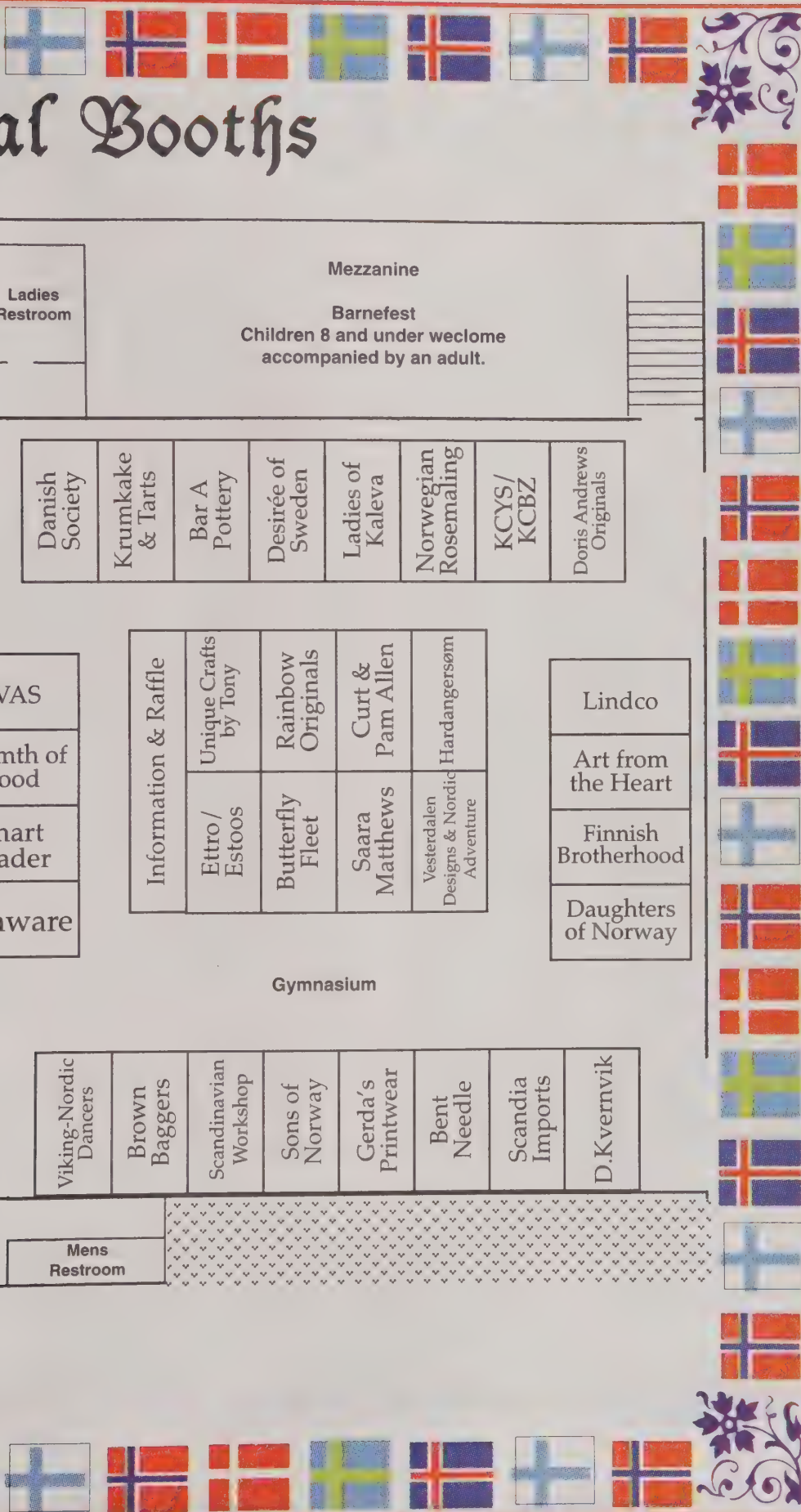
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Bruce is a professional furniture maker in Corvallis, Oregon and has made his living at various types of woodworking since the mid-1970's. An accomplished lathe turner, his work has been shown in craft galleries throughout the country.

While living in Boulder, Colorado in the 1980s Bruce was introduced to the folk dance and traditional music of

Sweden and Norway. Since that time his passion for traditional dance, music and wooden box making have taken Bruce to many Scandinavian festivals, where he has taught workshops in dance and the wooden box; including 3 years at the annual Scandia Camp in Mendocino, California.

RiverCraft is proud to present this workshop titled “Making a Traditional Scandinavian Bent Wood box” with Bruce Bogard at this year's Midsummer Festival. RiverCraft is a newly formed nonprofit organization whose mission is providing quality educational programs and to support and promote a strong identity for traditional and contemporary crafts in our Columbia Pacific region. For more information about RiverCraft and future programs call 503-325-8609 or 503-325-1270.

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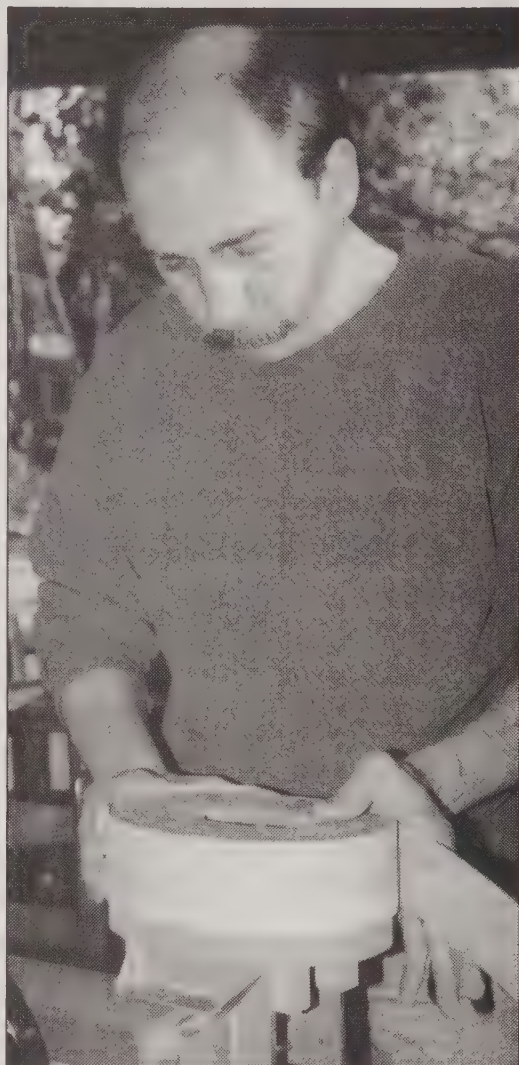
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region for this knowledge and skill in this branch of woodwork native to our region. In addition, Jim will demonstrate traditional techniques he has learned to carve and texture red cedar in the crafting beautiful utilitarian objects.

The "bent wood box" workshop will begin Saturday at 1:00 PM and continue through Sunday, with the project taking approximately 6 to 9 hours to complete, depending on the design. Participants will be making a round, open style, flat-bread serving box as displayed at the workshop. This workshop is designed for adults and will cost \$20.00. for materials. Registration is on Saturday before the workshop.

Be sure to stop by the high school wood shop and take in a demonstration by these two talented craftsmen while at the festival and to get on the RiverCraft mailing list to be informed of future programs in the traditional and contemporary crafts.

Bruce Bogard demonstrates his bent wood box making skills.



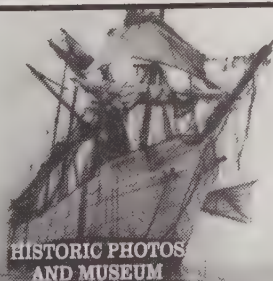
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1998 Honored Scandinavian Immigrants

A highlight at the Astoria Scandinavian Midsummer Festival is the recognition of an immigrant from each of the five Scandinavian countries. They will be introduced Saturday evening before the performance of the featured entertainment at the festival. It has become an annual tradition for the local Scandinavian lodges to honor those that have brought their heritage to our community. It's interesting to hear what prompted them to leave "the old country" and how they have lived their lives here in the United States.

Finnish Immigrants



**Elsa and Valio
Rautio**



This year the Finnish Brotherhood is pleased to have immigrants Elsa and Valio Rautio representing them at the Scandinavian Midsummer Festival. Both Elsa and Valio were born in Kalvia, Finland; Valio on 6/23/17 and Elsa on 2/27/23. It was first Elsa's dream to immigrate to America as her parents had lived in Wyoming for 11 years. Interestingly, Valio's grandfather had also lived in America. But the war delayed her plans, but it was also in this delay period that she met Valio, a soldier. They married and had 3 daughters. Living on the farm with Valio's family, they saw no economic future in farming. They now looked to America for their future, and after waiting 4 years to obtain their visas, they arrived in New York, January 16, 1955. Astoria was their destination as Elsa's aunt had settled here. Valio was able to find work on a mink ranch. Later he would do carpentry work and finally settled in for 21 years at the plywood mill. Elsa worked 18 years for the Bumble Bee Company, and sometimes would work in Alaska for the summer.

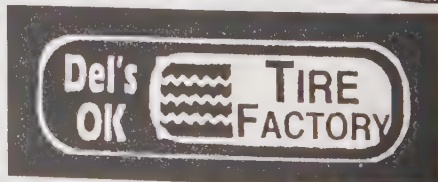
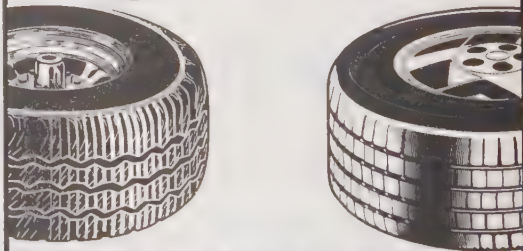
What they remember and cherish are the wonderful people who befriended and helped them during those transition years. And of course, they still talk about the salmon, so plentiful, so affordable, and so delicious to eat when they first arrived in Astoria in 1955.

The Rautios have three daughters; Liisa in Wyoming, Maria in Beaverton, Eija here in Astoria, and they also have seven grandchildren. In addition to raising their family, Elsa was busy with handwork, especially weaving, and Valio enjoyed woodworking projects. And together, they continued their Finnish heritage of working with the good earth, raising beautiful gardens.

Elsa and Valio have made a number of trips back to Finland over the years to visit their families and friends. But home is here in Astoria.



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**Norwegian
Immigrant**
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Einar Lovvold

Einar Lovvold was born on May 9, 1919 in Kjerringoy Norway to Alfreda and Thorvold Lovvold.

Money and work were hard to find on this small island of Kjerringoy, which is located far north in Norway, above the Arctic Circle close to the famous fishing grounds of the Lofoten Islands. Trying to make life better for his family, Einar's father came to America where he had a brother and several uncles who had located in the small fishing town of Astoria. Einar's dad, Thorvold rented a boat and started fishing and when he had saved enough money, he went back to Norway to

bring his family back to America, but his wife, Alfreda, was not ready to leave Norway. So Einar's father came back to Astoria alone to continue fishing and a few years later, once again, went back to Norway and this time returned to Astoria with the whole family intact. The family included Einar, who was 10, his mother and father, a younger brother Rudolf who was 8, and his 6 year old sister Edith. The Lovvold family arrived in their new home in 1930. Einar also had two uncles and an aunt living in Astoria.

The family moved into a rented home at first and a few years later were able to purchase their own home on Harrison Avenue and in 1934 Einar's father was able to purchase his own boat.

Since the family arrived in Astoria in the month of February, the first thing the kids had to do was enroll in school and the first thing they had to learn was the English language. Einar must have studied hard because he made it through grade school and then graduated from Astoria High School in 1940. In 1946 Einar married a beautiful young lady named Eva Richard from Bandon, Oregon. They have

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**Norwegian Immigrant,
Einar Lovvold**

been married for 52 years and have two married daughters, Marilys lives in California and is in the sales field and Janice lives in Vancouver, Washington and is a teacher at Mt. Hood Community College.

Einar, like many of our immigrants, was proud to serve his new country and he showed that pride by serving the US Army during World War II. His military service started on D-day and lasted for 5 years during which time he fought in both the Battle of The Bulge and The Battle Of Normandy. We should all be very thankful for the fact that Einar paid a dear price for his courage and received a purple heart for injuries sustained in battle.

Like his father, Einar made his living fishing. His first boat was named the "Torvold" and he bought that with his brother Rudy. He then moved up to the boat named "May" and his last boat was the pride of the fleet named the "Arctic", a beautiful 65 foot schooner, much like you would see being fished in Norway.

Before retirement, Einar was known at sea as a "Highliner" which meant that he was thought of by his fellow fishermen as "one of the best" and he was highly respected by all who sailed with him.

Einar has visited Norway four times and in 1989 the relatives there had a huge reunion in Kjerringoy where over 200 relatives gathered for a weekend of banquets, visiting and Sunday morning service in the little church where so many of the family had been baptized, confirmed or married. With the loss of his sister, Edith, just a short time ago, Einar is the last one left of his immediate family but he has been left with many memories to cherish.

**Swedish
Immigrant**

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**Elfi West
Nordgren**



Elfi West Nordgren was born on May 10, 1928 in Närpes, Finland which is a Swedish development in Finland. She and her twin sister, Elly, were raised on a farm by their Swedish parents

Her education includes two years beyond high school level. She wanted to be a nurse and worked two years at a local hospital towards that goal, but illness caused her to resign.

When she was 13 years old, a neighbor woman taught her how to operate a telephone switchboard. At the age of 19 she acquired a steady job at the local telephone company until she got married to John Nordgren on September 12, 1953.

Elfi began corresponding with John in 1950 while he was residing in Astoria. He had been raised close to her area but moved to Astoria with his folks.

After corresponding for three years, he made a trip to check on his residence and also to see Elfi. It was love at first sight and within three months they were married.

The honeymoon was going to be a trip to America and settling in Astoria, but tragically Elfi got polio three weeks after the wedding. Since John had a job in

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Swedish Immigrant, Elfi West Nordgren

Astoria, he had to return so he would not lose his income.

Elfi was in and out of the hospital for two years and the third year she returned to her telephone job.

Finally on November 6, 1956 Elfi was on her way by plane to America. What a happy occasion!!!

When she got to Astoria, they lived with Nordgrens while John renovated a home and they lived there for 20 years.

John built a home that was wheelchair accessible and they have lived there for 22 years.

Elfi and John went back to Finland and



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Sweden in 1965 and again in 1980. They visited her sister who still lived in Närpes with her family and also three aunts and many friends and relatives.

Elfi's hobby is handwork; such as needlepoint, embroidery, knitting and crocheting. Her husband John was the Swedish Immigrant at last years' festival.



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tured in concert on Saturday evening in the auditorium. There will be a shorter performance at 3:00 p.m. in the auditorium on Sunday.

Their repertoire reflects music of many countries. They specialize in Scandinavian, German, and Slovenian polkas and waltzes. This variety band plays not only "Old Tyme," but American standards, country western, ballroom, and Latin. They play to the crowd and change their repertoire to suit the occasion. They are an experienced band, enjoy what they do, and it shows!

They have received national and international recognition as they have gone on tour with their programs and dance music. The nucleus of the band has continued to be Carl Nyberg and Sylvia Storaasli. Paul Johnson is the band's drummer in the Northwest.

Sylvia's grandparents came from Vistal, Norway on her mother's side, and from Vistdal, Finland on her father's side of the family. Sylvia plays a Petosa MIDI accordion with Solton and Proteus synthe-

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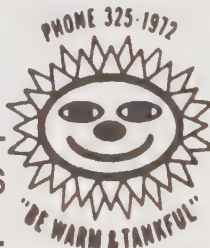


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Sylvia had her own dance band in high school and college. She earned a Master of Music degree from Pacific Lutheran University. She became an elementary music specialist in Puyallup Public Schools. Then, in 1984, Sylvia organized a new dance band. Due to the success of the group, Sylvia took an early retirement to tour with her band, "Sylvia and Fjordsong."

Sylvia dons character hats for specialty songs and delights audiences with her Scandinavian accent on vocals, such as "Who Stole the Lefse" and "I've Got a 'Svedish' Boyfriend." She is included in the first book of woman musicians, "Happy Gals USA; Those Wonderful ABC's! (Accordions, Button Boxes, Concertinas) Vol. I" by Karen J. Gerlovich. Sylvia Sylvia has those wonderful qualities of stage presence and charisma as she plays her peppy music.

Carl Nyberg speaks and sings fluently
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Sylvia & the Fjordsong Band

in both Finnish and Swedish. His father came from Northern Sweden and his mother was born in Finland. Carl is equally at home on violin, guitar or banjo. He grew up in St. Mary's, Idaho, the son of Scandinavian emigrants. Carl has hosted polka shows on public radio; however, he is best known as the "Finn on the Fiddle." He wows the crowds with his hoe-downs

and Finn polkas!

Paul Johnson, the band's drummer in the Northwest, is also Sylvia's brother. The two are a unique blend of fantastic rhythm with a steady beat. Paul sings Scandinavian-American parodies. "O Lena," "Svenska Flicka," and Satchmo style on "Mack the Knife." Dick Lindquist, also a fine experience drummer, plays for the band in Arizona.

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1/2 cup dark corn syrup
5 tablespoons dark brown sugar
4 tablespoons unsalted butter
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1-1/2 cups flour
1 teaspoon powdered cloves
1 1/4 teaspoon ground cardamom
1 1/4 teaspoon grated lemon peel
3 ounces almonds, blanched and peeled

Heat the corn syrup, brown sugar, and butter in a heavy saucepan until the sugar is thoroughly dissolved. Do not let boil. Remove from heat and let cool. Meanwhile, sift baking

soda, flour and powdered cloves together in a large bowl. Add cardamom, grated lemon peel and the lukewarm syrup and knead dough well by pressing down with the heel of your hand, turning it, folding it over and pressing again. Continue kneading for 5 to 10 minutes, until the dough is smooth and shiny. Wrap in wax paper and chill for at least two hours.

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees. On a lightly floured surface, roll dough to 1/8 inch, then with a cookie cutter or small wine glass cut into two inch rounds. Grease a cookie sheet and lay the cookies on it about one inch apart. Lightly press one almond into the center of each cookie. Bake 5-6 minutes, or until light gold in color.

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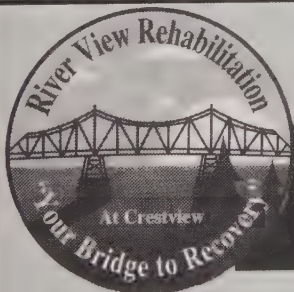
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a recipe for Swedish pancakes

4 eggs, separated
1 cup flour
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon sugar
1 cup milk
3 tablespoons sour cream



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Beat the egg yolks until thick. Sift together flour, salt and sugar. Add to the eggs yolks alternately with the milk. Stir in the sour cream. Beat egg whites until stiff but not dry. Fold into the batter.

Heat and butter a pancake griddle. Pour about a tablespoon of batter in each depression and spread evenly. Brown each side and serve at once with preserves, applesauce or lingonberries. Roll the pancakes with preserves or fruit inside and top with melted butter.

For added taste, sprinkle with powdered sugar. Pancakes should be soft, not crisp.



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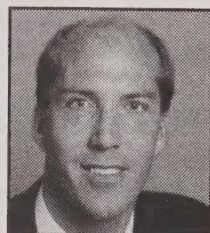
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SIMA
recipe for Finnish mead beverage

2 gallons water
1 lb. Granulated sugar
1 lb. Brown sugar
1 lemon
10 blossoms of hops
1/4 teaspoon yeast
raisins
sugar

Bring water to a boil, add sugars and dissolve. Peel the lemon, removing the white

membrane from the peel. Slice the lemon into thin pieces and remove the seeds.

To the boiling sugar water add the peel, sliced lemon, and the hop blossoms which have been rinsed in hot water. Remove from heat.

When the mixture has cooled, add the yeast which has been softened in a bit of warm water and let ferment. The following day, strain the beverage and pour into bottles. To each bottle add two rinsed raisins and a bit of sugar and then seal.

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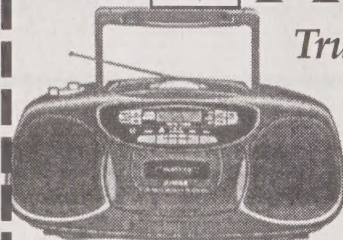
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